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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: PURCHASE OF 9,700 PREFABRICATED
WOODEN HOUSES

1. MR. CHARLES R. COLLING, A BELGIAN, RESIDING IN PERU SINCE 1952
AND ACTING AS CONSUL AD-HONOREM OF MONACO FOR PERU AND BOLIVIA,
IS ACTIVE AS A COMMISSION AGENT DEALING MAINLY WITH GOVERN-
MENT AGENCIES. HE HAS INFORMED EMBASSY OF SUBJECT PURCHASE
WHICH BOLIVIAN GOVERNMENT IS PLANNING TO MAKE THROUGH CORPO-
RACION MINERA DE BOLIVIA (COMIPOL), OPERATOR OF MINES.
REPORTEDLY, PROJECT COVERS TOTAL OF 9,700 PREFABRICATED
WOODEN HOUSES: 6,700 EACH TO BE PURCHASED DURING NEXT TWO
YEARS AND REMAINING 3,000 DURING SUBSEQUENT YEAR. ESTIMATED
EXPENDITURE US\$300 MILLION.
HOUSES ARE TO BE USED BY SINGLE MINE WORKERS, THEY WILL BE
LOCATED AT OVER 13,000 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL, IN PLACES WITH
STRONG WINDS, SNOW AND TORRENTIAL RAINS DURING MUCH OF
THE YEAR.

2. MR. COLLIN INFORMS THAT COMIBOL IS CALLING FOR BIDS FOR PRE-
QUALIFICATION OF SUPPLIERS AND THAT BID DEADLINE IS JANUARY
15, 1977. BIDDERS ARE EXPECTED TO SUBMIT INFORMATION CONCERN-
ING THE TYPE OF ORGANIZATION, START UP DATE, AMOUNT OF PAID-IN
CAPITAL, SALES VOLUME FOR 1975 OF PREFABRICATED WOODEN HOUSES
AND RELATED ITEMS, PATENTS, SYSTEM AND MATERIALS EMPLOYED
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ETC.

3. MR. COLLIN IS TRAVELLING TO THE UNITED STATES WITH INTENTION
OF CONTACTING QUALIFIED U.S. FIRMS CONCERNING THIS PROJECT.
HE WILL BE STAYING AT PARK SHERATON HOTEL, 56TH AND SEVENTH
AVE., NEW YORK, FROM JANUARY 3 TO JANUARY 7, 1977.

4. THE MAJOR PROJECT DIVISION IS REQUESTED TO ENCOURAGE INTERESTED AMERICAN FIRMS TO FOLLOW-UP ON THIS PROSPECT AND TO CONTACT MR. COLLINB BEFORE HE LEAVES FOR NEW YORK OR WHILE HE IS THERE. HIS LIMA ADDRESS IS:

CHARLES R. COLLING
P.O. BOX 2775
LIMA 100, PERU
CABLE: MONACONSUL, TELEX: 25257 COLLING AND
25306 COLLING; TEL: 41-0378

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